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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: FAO

SUBJECT: FAO WORKING PARTY ON RESTRUCTURING OF FAO COUNCIL

- 1. AT FIRST MORNING SESSION OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE FAO COUNCIL, THE GROUP OF 77 CHARIMAN (BRITO OF BRAZIL) SET FORTH THE GROUP'S POSITION ON AN INCREASE OF THE FAO COUNCIL. GROUP OF 77 PROPOSES THE FAO COUNCIL BE INCREASED TO 52 REPEAT 52. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION IN THE FAO WOULD BE INCREASED AS FOLLOWS: AFRICA 4, LATIN AMERICA 2, ASIA 1, NEAR EAST 2, AND EUROPE 1.
- 2. US REPRESENTATIVE TO WORKING PARTY INTENDS TO OPPOSE INCREASE OF THIS MAGNITUDE WHEN ISSUE DISCUSSED FURTHER TUESDAY, MARCH 29 BUT MAY WELL BE ISOLATED AS BEFORE WHEN WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDED FAO COUNCIL BE INCREASED TO 48. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. SRI LANKA AND TUNISIA MADE LONG PREPARED STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF EITHERELECTION OR NOMINATION OF FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL BY FAO COUNCIL RATHER THAN ELECTION BY FAO CONFERENCE. THEY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ONLY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FAO AMONG UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WAS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REELECTION. BOTH THESE ISSUES WERE ALSO

POSPONED UNTIL TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY. US REPRESENTATIVE TO WORKING PARTY WILL OPPOSE ANY INCREASE IN
FAO COUNCIL'S POWERS IF GROUP ALSO INSISTS ON DECREASING EFFECTIVENESS OF FAO COUNCIL BY INCREASING
ITS NUMBERS TO 52. IF INCREASE IN COUNCIL CAN BE
RESTRICTED, THAN US REPRESENTATIVE WILL NOT REPEAT
NOT OPPOSE FAO COUNCIL PROPOSING A SINGLE CANDIDATE FOR THE
FAO CONFERENCE. US REPRESENTATIVE DOES NOT INTEND TO DISCUSS
REELECTION ELIGIBILITY OF PRESENT INCUMBENT IN ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF WORKING PARTY ON THIS POINT.GARDNER

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